

oil dull. The indigo sales have commenced, showing a slight advance on all qualities.

THE LATEST MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET—MAY 15.

The sales of cotton to day were 4,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters, the market closing very dull at a decline of one-eighth of a penny since the sailing of the Persia, except for choice lots, which are scarce.

Breadstuffs steady.

Provisions steady.

LONDON, May 16—Evening.

Cottons closed to day at 91% a 91% for money, and 91% a 92 for account.

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LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET—MAY 16.

The sales of cotton to day were 7,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters.

Breadstuffs steady.

LONDON, May 16—P. M.

Cottons closed at 91% a 91% for money, and 92 for account. The rate of interest at the Bank of England has been advanced to six per cent.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

The latest sales on Thursday were—Illinois Central, \$2 a day; Erie Railroad, 21 a 22; United States Five advanced 1 a 2 per cent.

THE INSURRECTION.

OUR FORTRESS MONROE CORRESPONDENCE.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., May 22, 1861.

Arrival of General Butler—Return of the Third Massachusetts Regiment—Two Companies Reconnoitring the Seaside Camp on the Beach—Columbiads Pointing at the Rebels—Fifteen Scarcasses Killed at Sewall's Point Battery—No Shots in the Hull of the Star—Another Attack Anticipated—Reinforcements of the Forces, &c., &c.

Major General Benjamin F. Butler, commanding this department, arrived this morning at half-past nine, accompanied by Captain Haggerty, Quartermaster, and Captain Fay, Aid-de-Camp, members of his staff, and others whose positions I did not learn. He was met at the wharf by Colonel Dimmick and Adjutant Haines, of the post, and escorted to his quarters, which will be for the present, on special invitation, at Colonel Dimmick's residence. The present General Butler took charge of the fortifications here, and a salute of twelve guns was fired from the water battery, which sent their deep reports following across the Potomac, echoing from the rocky Rip-Raps, and dying away on the "Old Virginia shore." On entering the main sally-port the guard turned out and presented arms, which were received with a hearty cheer.

During the forenoon the Third Massachusetts regiment was drawn up in line, under command of Col. Woodruff, and reviewed by Gen. Butler and Col. Dimmick. The appearance of the regiment was very fine indeed, evincing an excellent discipline for so short a time. The organization of the regiments over this State, though anticipated by the Four Massachusetts regiments here, they lack a common uniform, which detracts much from their general appearance. This regiment now numbers nearly eight hundred men, with the recruits recently arrived from Canada to its complement.

With General Butler's due projects I am not familiar; but none of us doubt that he will be energetic and able in conducting the campaign as he has shown himself heretofore in all his military operations. At all events, it will be a source of great satisfaction to us all to see him receive orders he will discharge them at once. The trouble with his regiments is the common one—want of uniforms. The men are well armed with Minie muskets and field pieces.

The Virginians seem determined to be the aggressors. Although it was thought at one time they had fallen back on Harper's Ferry, yet I have positive information that the force was increased on yesterday afternoon by the arrival of three hundred men who are encamped at the fort, from the general who are engaged in the rebellion.

Something must soon be done to drive these fellows from the fort.

Colonel Dimmick's report here, however, is that the regiments already raised should also be examined, for some of them are not fit to practice surgery than a butcher's apprentice, having never been graduates of any medical school. It is a shame that the lives of our brave soldiers should be exposed to such hands. These appointments must be overhauled.

A grand dress parade and review took place at Gordonsville, May 22, to day. The display was fine. Colonel Kaine's Wild Cat boys are becoming the famed corps. They will be ready for any emergency.

There were twelve cases of smallpox at Harper's Ferry on Sunday and seven additional ones on Monday. Thus far there have been but five or six fatal cases. It was stated there that the movement of the troops to Williamsport was owing to the contagion among the forces.

HARRISONBURG, May 23, 1861.

Sixty-four of Corn by the Rebels—Virginians to the Front—The Troops of Harper's Ferry Not to Make a Stand if a Large Force is Sent Against Them—How Armed the Kentucky Troops—The Wild Cat Regiment at Camp Curtis—Letter of Secretary Cameron's Letter, &c., &c.

The parades looking to the hardware now well armed and equipped with the newest calibre, and the magazines are being loaded with the best gunpowder, other preparations are rapidly approaching completion, such as the filling of an immense number of sand bags, to erect traverses of the barbed wire to protect the gunners from an enemy. All these are to be completed by tomorrow. Other defensive preparations are to be made to repel any attack.

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